

Media, PA – Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) recently announced the local projects for which he successfully appropriated federal funding as part of the FY 2008 Omnibus Spending Bill (H.R. 2764). — "I was pleased to help these important projects in the 7th Congressional District obtain the funding they need," Congressman Sestak said, "From aiding in the construction of a new regional burn treatment center to provide financing for a community Weed & Seed program, these funds help to create and sustain projects that will improve the lives of 7th District constituents and strengthen our communities."

A recent study indicated that Congressman Sestak was fourth among all Senate and House Freshman in terms of receiving FY2008 appropriations funding to support local projects.

While Congressman Sestak strongly believes that local leaders are closest to understanding the most immediate needs of a community, he is also mindful of the need to restore accountability for our nation's treasure.

To that end, when he entered office in January 2007, the Congressman supported reducing the amount awarded for earmarks each year by at least half. A recent report indicated that in FY 2008, 6,651 earmarks worth \$7.95 billion were granted, down by about half from the 13,492 congressional earmarks totaling \$18.94 billion in FY 2005.

"Earmarks had gotten out of control over the past seven years and fiscal accountability needed to be brought to the system," said Congressman Sestak. "It is why we reduced the number of earmarks by over half this year. However, we balanced this accountability with the recognition that local communities – closer to the critical issues needing to be addressed, but with limited resources to do so – need federal assistance for certain crucial projects. That is why I met with almost all municipal leaders throughout this process, as well as with community and other leaders, to determine their needs."

Additionally, Congressman Sestak supported increasing transparency in the appropriations process by changing House rules to require a Member sponsor of each project to be publicly listed as well as to file forms regarding a Member's financial interest in the project. "Prior to this, no one could determine who put earmarks into legislation and now, after we have changed the manner in which we allocate resources, it is evident who in Congress requested the earmark, exactly who the earmark is for, and for what," said Congressman Sestak. "I believe in good governance, and full transparency is part of that good governance."

As a result, over the past few months, the Congressman traveled throughout the 7th Congressional District to conduct a series of evening and weekend meetings detailing the process of applying for both grants and appropriations. Those meeting were attended by nearly 200 municipal leaders, first responders, civic action groups and individual citizens interested in improving their community. In addition, he gave each attendee a copy of The Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Grant and Resource Directory, a "how-to" guide compiled by his office to navigate local governments in the grant and appropriations application process. The guide is

the first of its kind, a "one-stop shop" to help constituents—individuals, government, and organizations—access state and federal grants, as well as private grants.

"At each session I met local community leaders who work late into the night and on the weekend for their hometowns and neighbors. I want to be certain they have all of the tools necessary to compete for future appropriations and grants," said Congressman Sestak. Additionally, Congressman Sestak intends to place emphasis on projects that would benefit multiple communities and to identify new sources of resources to improve communities together.

"Taxpayers are right to expect we will do everything possible to see government funds are efficiently and effectively distributed, said the Congressman, "This year I am especially interested in reviewing the Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) process. Those are important federal dollars that must have a greater impact on our community."

More information about the FY2009 appropriations and grants process—including request forms and a downloadable version of The Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Grant and Resource Directory—can be found on the Congressman's Web site at <http://www.sestak.house.gov/services.shtml>. All appropriations requests for FY2009 are due to the Congressman Sestak's office electronically by February 29, 2008. Grant requests can be submitted at any time, but the earlier in the year, the better.

For FY 2008, Congressman Sestak supported appropriation projects that were within the five pillars that make up national security: economic security, education security, health security, defense security, and environmental & energy security.

### **Economic Security**

\$282,000 – Delaware County Community College Delaware County Community College will use this award to launch a Small Business Center to support students, aspiring entrepreneurs, and existing small business owners. The Small Business Center will offer educational programs and services that are accessible, comprehensive, community-centered and flexible to underserved communities such as minorities, women, and new immigrants.

\$187,000 – Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Foundation The Community Partnership for Job Readiness Program, administered by the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber, will provide workforce development services in the municipalities of Trainer, Marcus Hook and Upper Darby. This project will coordinate technical training for residents, develop a community infrastructure to communicate those services, and prepare residents to meet the employment needs of area businesses and industries in the near future.

### **Education Security**

\$1.25 Million – Cheyney University of Pennsylvania This money will be used to improve the infrastructure and capacity of the institution in order to better prepare underrepresented minorities in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. A new science facility will increase in the number of underrepresented minorities in the STEM

disciplines who can compete in a global workplace.

### **\$423,000 – The Rock School**

The Rock School's Rock Reach Outreach Program provides after-school and in-school education arts programs for students and within inner-city public schools in Philadelphia. These programs serve over 10,000 at-risk and disadvantaged youths each year.

### **\$204,000 – Widener University**

The Early Childhood Engagement Program will be used to improve access to and quality of programs that service 3-4 year old children. Specifically, it creates a strategic plan between the Chester Upland School District and Widener University to establish a rigorous plan for delivering a critical level of public and private resources that will ensure children in the Chester community are ready to learn when they enter school.

**\$170,000 – Delaware County Community College** The Delaware County Community College's Science, Engineering, and Technology Complex will use this award to consolidate and upgrade their science, engineering, and technology facilities into one cutting-edge complex. The complex will include a 100,000 square foot four-story building for modern science laboratories that permits a variety of instructional modalities that will foster cross-discipline activities and student-faculty interaction.

## **Health Security**

### **\$352,500 – Upper Darby Township**

**Operation Weed and Seed Incorporated – Center for Family Safety – CFS** This project will provide education and support services for families, in particular women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. Among the services offered through this program include temporary shelter, language assistance, and legal services. This project will assist victims through job training programs, assistance to first-time home buyers, and English as a Second language programs.

**\$316,000 – Crozer-Chester Medical Center** The funds will contribute to the construction of a New Regional Burn Treatment Center. The existing burn center, built in 1973, is the largest burn center in the region, caring for more burn patients than any other burn center in the Northeast Corridor. This project will more than double the size of the existing burn center, improve patient outcomes and satisfaction, increase bioterrorism preparedness, and facilitate response to large-scale mass casualty events.

## **Defense/Homeland Security**

### **\$4,000,000 – Gestalt, LLC**

**Distributed Mission Interoperability Toolkit (DMIT)** is a suite of tools that enables an enterprise architecture for on-demand, trusted, interoperability among and between mission-oriented C4I systems based on lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. This funding will allow DMIT to be extended to Joint and coalition requirements, as well as address current strategic weaknesses in Air Force AOC management years ahead of current schedules.

### \$4,000,000 – Piasecki Aircraft Corp

This funding will be used to further research and development by the Piasecki Aircraft Corp for the Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller Compound Helicopter technology. The VTDP technology shows promise to increase the speed and extend the range of helicopter capacities.

### \$3,400,000 – Rajant Corporation

The Rajant Corporation, in conjunction with CECOM/CERDEC, has developed a Portable Wireless Digital Broadband System that has distinctive and broad applications for the military. Funding will be used to further improve mobility, range, bandwidth and portability of this portable wireless digital broadband system. Development in these areas will focus on size reduction, improved packaging, lower power consumption, improved radio and antenna performance, enhanced security key management, and other factors improving the design of the mobile/portable devices.

### \$2,480,000 – Lithchem

In this program, LithChem will work with Lockheed-Martin to develop and manufacture an advanced lithium battery system for the Multiple Kill Vehicle as a first application and demonstration of this major improvement in reserve batteries for the Missile Defense Agency. This dramatically improved LithChem reserve battery will add significant performance improvement for current and future US guided missile systems, rockets, and smart munitions.

### \$2,000,000 – Silicone Power Corporation

This funding would be used by the Silicon Power Corporation to further develop advanced Lightweight Silicon Switch (LSS) technology for use in a mobile electromagnetic gun system (EMGun). The goal of the effort is to prototype an enhanced 125-millimeter switch based on LSS technology and perform a preliminary design of a 150-millimeter LSS switch that would achieve the established performance requirements for the Army's target EM Gun system.

### \$1,600,000 – Polymedix Initiative

Funding will be used by PolyMedix to develop antimicrobial drugs expected to be effective against a wide range of bacterial agents and pathogens that have been bio-engineered to resist existing antibiotics. The requirement relates to the enhanced degree of readiness against bio-warfare and bio-terrorism which has been made a priority in all branches of the military.

### \$1,280,000 – Lockheed Martin

The Tomahawk Weapons Control System provides the launch capability for surface and submarine platforms. It interfaces with external systems for command and control, situational awareness and to obtain required data to initialize the Tomahawk cruise missile before launch. This funding will be used for continued development of TTWCS capabilities

### \$1,000,000 – Clear Align

Clear Align received funding to start development of a low-cost Laser Module Assembly for the Navy's Acoustic Sensors. The development this technology would further reduce submarine costs and improve performance for Navy platforms.

### \$800,000 – Dragonfly Pictures, Inc

This funding will be used by Dragonfly Pictures to deliver two DP-5X unmanned rotorcraft helicopters to the Army Research Lab (ARL). The Army Research Lab has requested a number of DP-5X aircraft to test advanced blade, engine, weapon, and tail boom technologies that it has developed for manned and unmanned rotorcraft.

**\$500,000 – SAP America, Inc**

SAP America was awarded funds to develop Advanced Composite Armor for force protection.

**\$235,000 – Chester County District Attorney's Office** Southeast Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Credentialing Initiative will allow participating agencies to credential their personnel and deploy mobile credentialing units, ID Verification units, and smart-incident response management systems to every law enforcement agency in Chester County for law enforcement patrol programs and for criminal investigation strategies.

**\$188,000 – Delaware County Community College** Delaware County Community College will expand its Institute for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness throughout the greater Philadelphia region. The Institute offers courses, workshops, and seminars on law enforcement, medical emergency services, and other public safety topics to police officers, firefighters, emergency medical professionals and school district administrators that will enable responders to work effectively together.

**\$79,900 – Ridley Park Borough**

The Ridley Park Police Department are trained in a drug abuse prevention program targeted at children called "Heroin Alert." This funding will enable the Ridley Park Police Department to expand their efforts to include students in the 7th and 8th grades.

### **Environmental and Energy Security**

**\$750,000 – Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will address major traffic and transportation problems in the US 422 Schuylkill River Crossing area. The RCC plans several actions to achieve their goal: (1) widen US 422 to three lanes (four over Schuylkill River) to accommodate over 100,000 daily commuters by 2030; (2) modify PA 23 Interchange, the primary access to Valley Forge Park; and (3) complete the PA 363 Interchange, currently allowing for access to US 422 East and from US 422 West only.

**\$500,000 – Upper Darby Township Market Street Gateway Project** Delaware County will construct a 310 space public parking garage that will support SEPTA's 69th Street Terminal, surrounding retail merchants and an adjacent 60,000 square foot office building. A new garage for the businesses and commuters will promote Upper Darby Township's redevelopment efforts.

**\$500,000 – Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)** This project will include the engineering and construction of a multi-modal transportation center in Paoli, Chester County. The new facility will be located on SEPTA's R5 Paoli/Thorndale Regional Rail line west of the existing station. The existing Paoli Station is one of the most utilized SEPTA passenger facilities outside of Center City Philadelphia with average daily ridership of 2800 passengers. This station complex will be reconstructed to address the needs of the ever-increasing number

of bus and train customers using this facility.

**\$500,000 – Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)** The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) will purchase 100, 40 foot, low floor alternative fuel hybrid (diesel/electric) powered buses. This will greatly improve air quality in the areas where the busses are used. They use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel combined with electric propulsion systems. These buses will be operated throughout the five county SEPTA service area: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties.

**\$400,000 – Borough of Bridgeport**

This award will fund a project for the separation of combined sewers in a portion of the Borough of Bridgeport to address the requirements of the Federal Combined Sewer Overflow Commission